

Superior Court of Clark County



SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON
FOR CLARK COUNTY

GENERAL ORDER 22-01

JURY TRIAL SUSPENSION
(JANUARY 6, 2022 UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022)

Adopted: January 6, 2022

Updated: January 18, 2022

WHEREAS, this Court has previously issued multiple Emergency General Orders to respond to the state of emergency and mitigate the effect of COVID-19 including when necessary suspension of jury trials.

WHEREAS, Clark County is experiencing a significant increase in the spread of COVID-19 due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

WHEREAS, Dr. Melnick, Director of Clark County Public Health, has recommended temporary suspension of jury trials due to the current rapid spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Court has instituted COVID-19 mitigation measures, including requiring masks to be worn in all public areas of courthouse facilities, to help protect the safety of jurors, attorneys, staff, litigants, and the public. At this time, these efforts are insufficient to safely accommodate jury trials.

WHEREAS, the Court previously issued General Order 22-01 that suspended jury trials until January 31, 2022, however, the concerns that prompted the issuance of the original order remain and an extension of that order is necessary.

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NOW THEREFORE,

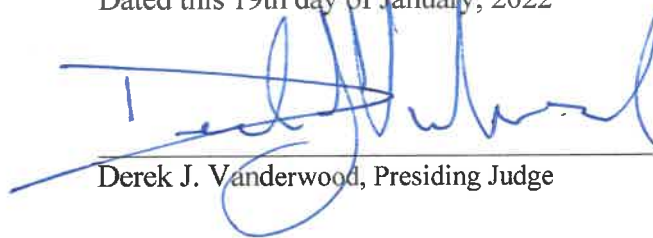
All criminal and civil jury trials are immediately suspended until February 28, 2022. Any jury trials that are ongoing at the time of this order shall proceed to conclusion.

Trials set for February 28, 2022 will proceed as scheduled.

A continuance of criminal jury trials is required in the administration of justice. Based upon the Court's finding that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to continue adult criminal jury trials and constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(8), the time between January 6, 2022, and the next scheduled hearing after February 28, 2022, shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial. CrR 3.3(e)(3).

The Court may extend the timeframes in this Order as required by the continuing public health emergency, and, if necessary, will do so by further order.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022



Derek J. Vanderwood, Presiding Judge

Supersedes: General Order 22-01 that was adopted January 6, 2022.